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BROKER WHO STOLE CUSTOMER MONEY IS BARRED

February 24, 2006. Salt Lake City, Utah Francine A. Giani, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce announced that David A. Settle, of Nephi, Utah, consented to an Order that he be barred from any future involvement in the securities industry and pay \$50,000 in fines and restitution. In a Stipulation and Consent Order entered by the Division of Securities, Settle admitted the violations and agreed to the penalties. The Order resolves a disciplinary proceeding initiated by the Division in October 2005.

Settle was licensed as a securities agent with Waddell & Reed. While at Waddell & Reed, Settle withdrew money from mutual fund accounts of his customers and kept it. \$58,000 was taken from customer accounts in 2001 and 2002. Once aware of his conduct, Waddell & Reed fired Settle and paid restitution to the clients.

The Order finds that Settle engaged in fraudulent conduct and violated rules of the Utah Securities Division and the NASD. Settle already has repaid \$15,000 of the money taken improperly. The Order imposes a fine of \$50,000 to be paid by making additional restitution payments to Waddell & Reed. In addition, Settle is barred from ever being associated with a broker-dealer or investment adviser licensed in Utah.

The Order was reviewed and approved by the Securities Advisory Board.